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Albuquerque Woman on Probation for Tax Fraud Arraigned on New Charges of Filing False Income Tax Returns

SANTA FE –An Albuquerque woman, who is currently on probation for tax fraud, is being held without bail after she pleaded innocent to filing false state income tax returns.

First Judicial District Court Judge Michael Vigil today ordered Gayle McIntyre held without bond on a probation violation resulting from the old charges and a \$25,000 cash only bond on the new charges.

"We're pleased that the judge has ordered Ms. McIntyre be held without bail so she couldn't continue with her habitual criminal behavior that has cost the State a lot of money," said Rick Homans, Cabinet Secretary for the Taxation and Revenue Department.

In January, McIntyre was indicted by a grand jury with the First Judicial District in Santa Fe on 23 counts of tax fraud, computer access with intent to defraud or embezzle, identity theft and forgery. In 2005, McIntyre pleaded guilty to 36 counts of tax fraud for filing false income tax returns, and was sentenced to five years probation and ordered to pay nearly \$127,000 in restitution to the State.

The latest indictment accuses McIntyre, 54, of filing seven false income tax returns that would have resulted in her receiving \$7,393 in state tax refunds between June and August of 2009. She did receive and deposited in her account one of the seven refund checks for the amount of \$1,765. If convicted of the new charges against her, McIntyre could face 33 years in prison and potentially up to 54 years suspended sentence from her 2005 conviction.

The indictment is the result of investigation conducted by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division.

To report tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, individuals can call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.